

ASK AMY

Your Insight Into the TBI Fund

Dear Amy:

I have a brain injury, and a friend of mine told me that I should apply for the Traumatic Brain Injury Fund. What is the Traumatic Brain Injury Fund? How does it work and how can I apply?

Mike from Bergen County

Dear Mike,

The Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) Fund can provide supports and services for New Jersey residents who have an acquired brain injury and who have less than \$100,000 in liquid assets. The TBI Fund is not a Medicaid program, and it is not a part of the TBI Waiver Program. It is a New Jersey state program that is run by the Department of Human Services.

You can use up to \$15,000 per year for items and services related to your brain injury. The Fund can help you to pay for things like cognitive therapy, home modifications, and prescriptions. If you need help figuring out what kinds of things you might need, we can provide service

coordination, assistive technology evaluations and accessibility evaluations. And because the TBI Fund is not an insurance company or a Medicaid program, you can visit the doctors and therapists of your choice.

If you are interested in applying to the TBI Fund, contact either myself or Traci Johnson, program assistant at (888) 285-3036. If you need help with filling out the application, please let us know and we will be happy to assist you.

-Amy

Amy Soppet is the manager of the Traumatic Brain Injury Fund. She is a certified social worker who has worked with people who have acquired brain injury for several years. Ms. Soppet has a background in cognitive therapy and disability advocacy.

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